

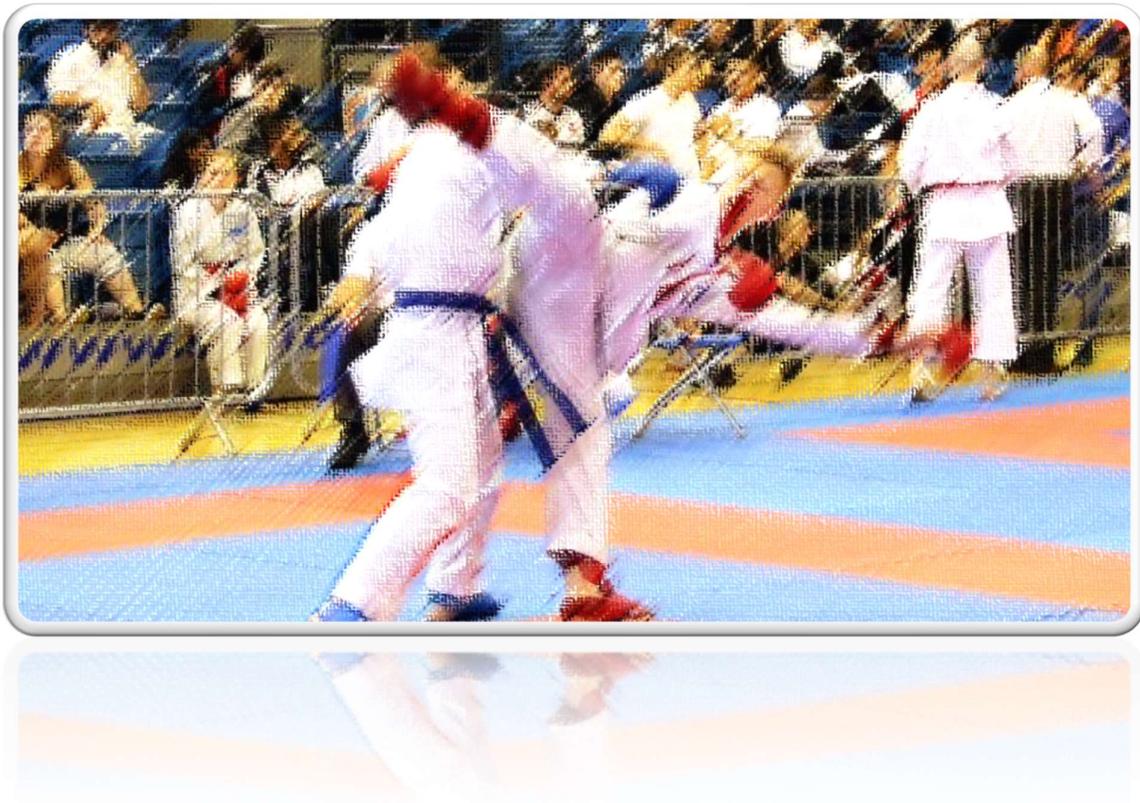
BKF Four Nations Championships 2022

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Leicester Arena

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A message from our President



Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the BKF Four Nations Championships 2022 and to the host city of Leicester.

We trust that, after a two-year break due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the holding of these championships is a welcome and reassuring sign, the beginning of a return to normality.

The return to holding BKF sporting competitions has been taken following the lifting of government Covid-19 restrictions at the end of January 2022, which the BKF believes provides a pathway for a safe return to sport.

Timelines in arranging these championships have been challenging given the relatively short time since restrictions have been lifted, however the last couple of months have felt more normal and calmer.

From a scheduling point of view, securing availability dates from venues that do not clash with other sporting events has been challenging. In this regard we have been unable to get a two-day booking to suit our requirement window. The BKF Four Nations Championships 2022 will hence be a one-day event with a restricted number of categories.

There is a substantial pre-order time span when ordering medals from the overseas supplier used by BKF. However, we believe we have found a solution to what could have been a potential problem.

In conjunction with both the venue and BKF team, we will work toward implementing a safe return to competition activities. In this regard, the BKF is grateful to the adjustments and support everyone is making in being available to attend these championships in what has been a relatively short notice period.

Looking ahead, we plan to hold the BKF International Open Championships in late September 2022 with a full category listing; we will publish details shortly.

The BKF Championships do not happen without the work and commitment of a number of people such as Raj Bhardwaj (BKF Tournament Organiser) and his team, Dale Gamble (BKF Chief Referee) and his team of BKF Referees and Judges, and all the volunteers to whom I forward the collective thanks of the BKF.

Roger Williams

President, British Karate Federation

Kata Events

KATA - GIRLS & BOYS			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Girls Kata 7-9 years	KA01	Boys Kata 7-9 years	KA04
Girls Kata 10-11 years	KA02	Boys Kata 10-11 years	KA05
Girls Kata 12-13 years	KA03	Boys Kata 12-13 years	KA06
KATA - PARA CHILDREN (UNDER 18)			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Para Kata Learning Disabilities (U18)	KA07	Para Kata Wheelchair (U18)	KA08
		Para Kata Blind and Visually Impaired (U18)	KA09
KATA - PARA SENIOR (18 YEARS PLUS)			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Para Kata Learning Disabilities (18+)	KA10	Para Kata Wheelchair (18+)	KA11
		Para Kata Blind and Visually Impaired (18+)	KA12
KATA - CADETS, JUNIOR, SENIOR & VETERAN			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Cadet Kata	KA13	Male Cadet Kata	KA17
Female Junior Kata	KA14	Male Junior Kata	KA18
Female Senior Kata (18 years plus)	KA15	Male Senior Kata (18 years plus)	KA19
Female Veteran Kata	KA16	Male Veteran Kata	KA20

Kumite Events

KUMITE - GIRLS & BOYS			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Girls Kumite 7-9 years -25kg	KU01	Boys Kumite 7-9 years -25kg	KU07
Girls Kumite 7-9 years +25kg	KU02	Boys Kumite 7-9 years +25kg	KU08
Girls Kumite 10-11 years -35kg	KU03	Boys Kumite 10-11 years -35kg	KU09
Girls Kumite 10-11 years +35kg	KU04	Boys Kumite 10-11 years +35kg	KU10
Girls Kumite 12-13 years -40kg	KU05	Boys Kumite 12-13 years -45kg	KU11
Girls Kumite 12-13 years +40kg	KU06	Boys Kumite 12-13 years +45kg	KU12
CADET KUMITE			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Cadet Kumite -47kg	KU13	Male Cadet Kumite -52kg	KU16
Female Cadet Kumite -54kg	KU14	Male Cadet Kumite -57kg	KU17
Female Cadet Kumite +54kg	KU15	Male Cadet Kumite -63kg	KU18
		Male Cadet Kumite -70kg	KU19
		Male Cadet Kumite +70kg	KU20
JUNIOR KUMITE			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Junior Kumite -48kg	KU21	Male Junior Kumite -55kg	KU25
Female Junior Kumite -53kg	KU22	Male Junior Kumite -61kg	KU26
Female Junior Kumite -59kg	KU23	Male Junior Kumite -68kg	KU27
Female Junior Kumite +59kg	KU24	Male Junior Kumite -76kg	KU28
		Male Junior Kumite +76kg	KU29
SENIOR KUMITE			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Senior Kumite -50kg	KU30	Male Senior Kumite -60kg	KU35
Female Senior Kumite -55kg	KU31	Male Senior Kumite -67kg	KU36
Female Senior Kumite -61kg	KU32	Male Senior Kumite -75kg	KU37
Female Senior Kumite -68kg	KU33	Male Senior Kumite -84kg	KU38
Female Senior Kumite +68kg	KU34	Male Senior Kumite +84kg	KU39
VETERAN KUMITE			
Category	Code	Category	Code
Female Veteran Kumite Open	KU40	Male Veteran Kumite Open	KU41

IMPORTANT NOTES

Photography and Recording

The BKF plan to engage a photographer who will take action shots of the competitors. Video and photographs will be taken at the event for promotional purposes, however should anyone have a concern please contact the event organiser prior to the event.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR COACHES:

Only NGB accredited coaches are permitted in the Tatami area and must display their accreditation badges upon entry. If the badge is not shown, a spectator fee will apply.

Anyone wishing to coach at the Tatami must have NGB accreditation to verify that they are aware of the required rules, responsibilities and expected conduct. **Without this accreditation a coach pass will not be issued by the event organiser.** All coaches must register via Sportdata.

Coach: Dress code:

Coaches must be in association tracksuits and clearly display their coaching ID badge. Inappropriate dress, as deemed by the Chief Referee, will be refused access to the competition area. Only coaches adhering to the correct dress code and in possession of a coaching pass will be allowed on the competition area.

Coach: Medical

We record every injury that gives us the slightest concern, however symptoms often occur after the incident and we would ask that the coach or representative informs the medical team of any concerns he or she has at the time of the incident, or any time after, no matter how trivial it may seem.

We fully intend to have Repechage for CADETS, JUNIORS and SENIORS Individual Kumite and Kata.

However, the Chief Referee has the authority to withdraw repechage if the time frame becomes critical. *Competitors can only compete in their own categories and cannot move up to compete in another category. In the unlikely event of low category entries the organisers reserve the right to amalgamate categories.*

Insurance: It is the responsibility of each individual, or parent / guardian of a competitor if under 18 years of age, to have their own insurance cover for the event. Please advise your competitors accordingly regarding insurance cover. It is the responsibility of the clubs/coaches to ensure that all competitors are aware of this and have been advised of adequate cover. Association/club parental consent to compete is also required.

This is the responsibility of the association.

Health and Safety issues have been discussed and we try to plan for every eventuality. However, this is a busy tournament and due care and attention is required in all areas. Would all coaches/parents ensure that their children are properly chaperoned. Karate matches are performed in bare feet; please ensure proper footwear is used in the arena and surrounding areas, especially approaching the mats.

Disclaimer: Karate is a martial art and contact sport. People can and do get injured and we cannot accept responsibility for any such injury, loss or accident arising from your participation in our training, competitions or associated activities and ask that you are aware, agree and accept this by entering or giving permission to enter this event. We should also be notified, in writing, of any medical condition that may have relevance to their participation in Karate.

If you require any further information or assistance, then please contact the Tournament Organiser Raj Bhardwaj via raj@knowitall.co.uk



All Competitor & Coach Registration is via Sportdata

Please note these championships are open to WKF affiliated members only

All entries are online only via Sportdata. For registration please visit: www.Sportdata.org

It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that all competitors are registered and are in the correct categories. Competitors are only allowed to compete in their own age/weight category and are not allowed to move up a category. Entries will only be accepted via your coach/association and not from individuals.

Coach Registration: All coaches must register on-line via Sportdata before the closing date. Coach passes will only be issued to coaches who are NGB accredited and registered via Sportdata.

Entry fees

Competitor	
Individual events	£30

Spectator entry fees	
Family pass - weekend	£25
Adult - 1 day pass	£11
Children - 16 yrs / concession - 1 day pass	£6

The closing date for entries and payment of entry fees is Sunday 3rd April 2022

No late entries permitted. Payment should be made at the time of entry. However, if entry fees are not received by the closing date entries will be removed from the draw.

Please ensure that if paying by BACS you have an identifying reference against your payment i.e. club / association name. Please also provide a receipt or confirmation of your BACS payment to the organiser via raj@knowitall.co.uk

<p>All payments should be made using the PayPal link via Sportdata. This is the preferred method of payment.</p>     	<p>Or by BACS payment direct to:</p> <p>Bank: Santander</p> <p>Name: British Karate Federation</p> <p>Account number: 15891790</p> <p>Sort code: 09-01-29</p>
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Publication of the draw and timeline

A first draft of the draw will be published on Monday 4th April 2022 via Sportdata. Coaches will be invited to check for any errors (these usually involve a change in weight category). A new draw will follow any addition / subtraction of an athlete in a given category.

The timeline for the Championships weekend will be published on Tuesday 5th April 2022 on Sportdata.

Finals and Medals

Each category will run straight through to the final and medals will be announced and awarded on the mats immediately after each category.

Rules of the day

The doors will open at 7:30am and the event will start 8.30am prompt. Later in the day, (i.e. for categories starting from 10am onward), athletes should aim to arrive at least two hours before they are scheduled to compete.

Should the event run ahead of schedule category start times may be brought forward. Competitor check-in will be carried out prior to each category starting.

13 and under – alternate Katas.

There will be no Kata Bunkai required.

Those eligible to enter the Senior and Veteran categories may enter only one of these events.

Kata 7-13 years. AKA and AO will perform their Kata simultaneously i.e. on an area at the same time.

Kata and Kumite for 14 years and above will be held under WKF rules, which will be strictly applied.

Kumite weigh in: We will operate spot weight checks. Any competitor found not to be the correct weight for the category they have entered will not be allowed to compete. We cannot move competitors to another weight category if they fail the weight checks.

Compulsory protective wear:

Red/blue foot protection and hand mitts, as well as gum shields are compulsory for all.

Body protectors and chest guards are compulsory at 12 years and above.

14 years and above – all females must wear a chest protector.

BKF Chief Referee: Mr Dale Gamble: REFEREES' BRIEFING 8.00am

Housekeeping

Bags and equipment should not be left where they potentially present a trip hazard. Nor should they be left at the side of the Tatami whilst competing.

Spectators in the seating area should remain seated. Spectators should not stand by the barriers adjacent to the Tatami as this blocks the view of seated spectators and causes a potential health and safety hazard.

Athlete Operating Procedure

Each category (or pool of a category) is scheduled to run on a specific Tatami. The category will be clearly announced over the public address system and the athletes in that category should then make their way to the corresponding holding area (i.e. if you're scheduled to be on Tatami 1 – wait in holding area 1).

Holding areas for each Tatami will be clearly designated in the area adjacent to the Tatamis, behind the barrier. Coaches should ensure that their competitors have assembled in the correct holding area.

A Tatami volunteer will then collect the competitors, one by one for each match. The first visit for any category (or pool) will select competitors for the current bout plus next bout. Bout competitors will then take a seat in the allocated area awaiting their bout.

Coaches should consult the available draw sheets to determine the competitor position in the draw. (This is available via Sportdata and is also displayed within the arena area.)

Please note that once called, competitors should remain within the **holding area** to ensure that they do not miss their bout. It is the coaches' responsibility to have competitors available for the bout as it is called.

Compliance with the above procedure will help to maintain a constant flow and avoid competitors missing their bouts. Your support in this procedure is appreciated.

